

SINGLE GOLD STANDARD.

How It Increases the Burden and Privations of Wealth Producers.

The Iron Age places the entire national, state, county, municipal and other public indebtedness, together with all private debts, at \$27,989,247,049. To say that the total amount will now reach \$30,000,000,000 is not far out of the way. The annual interest on this sum at 4 per cent., which is a low estimate, amounts to \$1,200,000,000, which must be paid each year from the products of labor.

The payment of this vast sum becomes more oppressive from the fact that a portion of the public indebtedness is payable only in gold, and also a portion of the private debts, as money lenders now demand a gold clause in their mortgages. The effect of this is to create a great demand for gold, which has resulted in making its market value reach as high as 25 per cent. premium above the average value of labor's products, which are measured by silver, the money of the world.

Therefore to pay this annual interest of \$1,200,000,000 under a gold standard of payment the farmer must sell 25 per cent. more of his products, and the wage earner must give 25 per cent. more days of labor to make up this extra premium to get the gold. This premium on \$1,200,000,000 of annual interest amounts to \$300,000,000, which added to the annual interest makes a total \$1,500,000,000 to be raised from labor each year; and, further, when the principal of \$30,000,000,000 is paid, the 25 per cent. must be added, making it \$37,500,000,000.

These destructive effects upon all producers in debt arise from the demonetization of silver in 1873, when the legal tender quality of silver was destroyed, and the government stopped its coinage, which is the present case under the silver bill passed in 1890. At that time gold was also made the only unit of value, a quality that silver had enjoyed for eighty-one years.

We have shown that this gold premium of 25 per cent. has been added to all gold bearing obligations. But they will tell you that the gold bearing obligations form but a small part of the \$30,000,000,000; yet, notwithstanding they are not all payable in gold, the debtor has to pay this difference on every dollar of the \$30,000,000,000 for the reason that he has to sell his products, or his day's labor, on a silver basis, which is today sixty-five cents on the dollar, that being the present price of silver bullion.

Silver is the money of the world; hence all products are sold on a silver basis, while our debts are largely paid out on a gold basis. To show this, out of a total population of the world of about 1,400,000,000 only 90,000,000, or about one-fifteenth, live in countries where gold alone is legal tender; 188,000,000, or about one-seventh, live where gold and silver are both legal tender, while the balance, or over three-fourths, use silver alone.

Hence it follows that, while the debtor classes of the world must sell their products on a silver basis—the price of silver bullion and all other products being the same—the creditor or bondholding classes have succeeded, in large bondholding governments, in making debts payable on a gold standard of payment, which is 35 per cent. above the present price of silver and all products. They have done this by abolishing the free and unlimited coinage of silver, thereby placing capital above labor.—Melinda Sissins in National Economist.

Now Make Ready.

The smoke of battle rolls away. A survey of the field shows a glorious victory for the people. The labor of the past two years has borne abundant fruit. Let the good work go on. We have four years in which to raise a grand army for the battle to take place in 1896. The enemy will be prepared with all their forces of corruption and ignorance to meet more firmly the chains of labor. Shall we not make ready for them? Let none flatter himself that the victory is won. We have won, but it was only a skirmish. The fight in four years from now will be fiercer and the enemy more cunning than any that can be pointed to in the political history of the country. If we would be ready we must immediately prepare for it.—North Dakota Independent.

Just So.

Some of the Democratic papers have just waked up and are "deeply regretful of the indignities committed upon General Weaver and the ladies who accompanied him in his political campaign in the south." It reminds one of the story of the Irishman and the bull. Pat saw the bull coming, but before he could get out of the way the bull had hoisted him high on his horns and tossed him over the fence. Pat looked back and saw the bull pawing and bowing his head. He remarked: "Oh, yes; you are very perlitte and sorry, no doubt. But you did it a-purpose, and you know it." Democrats, like Pat's bull, are in condition now "to be very sorry and polite" to General Weaver. But, all the same, they throw eggs on purpose.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Shortsighted Labor.

While the Democrats affected sympathy for the Homestead workmen, and thereby secured the vote of organized labor, the Democratic machine looks upon organized labor with less respect than ever, and should a strike occur will be just as ready to call out the troops to impress the fact. Let organized labor ponder over what the results would have been had they joined in with the farmers and controlled the center from legislature to electoral college.—Nonconformist.

Rev. T. De Witt Talmage says: "The great shadowing curse of America today is the monopolist. He puts his hand on every bushel of wheat, every sack of flour and every ton of coal, and not a man, woman or child in America but feel the touch of monopolized despotism."

People's Voice.

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GUELPH.

Dec. 26—The shooting match at Guelph last Saturday was well attended, owing to the bad roads and cold weather.

Our old friend, M. F. Kelsa, of Crescent City, Ok., is visiting in this neighborhood during the holidays. He is one of the leading real estate dealers of Oklahoma.

Neal Plekett has gone to Central Tennessee during the holidays to visit his wife's people.

Our merchants report a very good holiday trade.

The Christmas tree at Lone Star was well attended and all report a good time.

Dora Greening, of Arkansas City, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. H. Constant.

Frank Worth will move into his new house the first of January. He has built on the Cavender place.

Wiley Grey is back from Oklahoma, where he has been on a sooner trip. Uxo.

ANSON.

Dec. 26—EDITOR VOICE: Seeing you kind invitation for items from different parts of the county, we will use the opportunity.

Quite a cool breeze struck us last evening. Suppose Christmas was the cause of it.

Rev. Ryan and wife were at the Friend's church, "Green Castle," yesterday. He preached an able sermon. They expect to continue the meeting several days. They are recently from Canada, but now citizens of western Kansas.

Some of the citizens of Illinois and Sumner townships joined in a wolf chase a few days ago. They had fine sport and caught two coyotes.

Eq. Adams is fitting up a shop in Anson, where he will hammer iron for the public.

Jim Myers is in Illinois visiting a sister.

In looking over the vote of the different townships, we claim Sumner as the hammer township, over 75 per cent. of her vote being for the grand People's party.

J. A. Seitz, agent for Anson Alliance, has had a car of Canon City ordered for nearly three months. When do you think it will get here? It takes about six weeks to get a car of soft coal. Who says corporations are a benefit? Old Boy.

SLATE VALLEY.

Dec. 26—Frank Nicholson and Jap Holmes have come up from their claims on a visit.

Mrs. R. F. Plummer is visiting her daughter, Cora, at Parkville, Mo., this week.

Mrs. Hunt got a telegram from California last week that her husband, Myron Hunt, was not expected to live.

Miss Katie De Turk is home from Emporia on a visit.

George Camp has returned from Illinois, where he was called by his mother's death.

The Christmas tree at the Center was very nice for the young folks.

C. E. Forbes is visiting his stepdaughter, Mrs. G. L. Grant in Oklahoma this week.

The shooting match at Sam — last week was well attended by the boys.

Miss Dora Sommerville treated her scholars to candy and fruit last Friday and dismissed for a week and went home on a visit.

The Sunday school at the Valley has adjourned until the first Sunday in March.

This cold weather is awful hard on Mr. Plummer's best cow.

A. De Turk lost a horse last week. He went out one morning and found it dead in the stall. Can't tell what killed it. Old Socks.

MAYFIELD AND ANSON.

Dec. 26—The snow is still with us and no prospect of its disappearing. This promises to be one of the severest winters ever known in sunny Southern Kansas.

The committee on arrangement at Mayfield concluded to have a ship instead of a tree on Saturday afternoon preceding Christmas Eve. It was in all respects a success. Many beautiful presents were given, among others a handsome gold watch to Miss Myrtle Neal.

The Christmas tree at Mt. Olive school house was quite a success. The tree contained two beautiful gold watches, besides many other splendid presents. There was a general exchange of presents between teacher and pupils, both being made happy by the mutual esteem and good-will existing between them.

There is a good deal of guessing as to who Santa Claus was at Mt. Olive Christmas tree. Some thought it was Mr. Clayton, but Mrs. Clayton says he was at home sick and the statement seemed plausible. In form the Santa Claus resembled Rev. Davis, the worthy minister over west. His voice was like Mr. Dear's; his laugh like Mr. Freeman's. If he had been a little better looking he would have looked like Mr. Hepperly, but as Chas. Gifford and Jacob Hall were the only gentlemen of the neighborhood who could not be seen in the audience, (except Mr. Clayton), the general conclusion is that it was one of them.

W. A. Fleishman has returned from the Cheyenne and Arapahoe country and reports that it is a good deal warmer there than here.

The Mayfield school has adjourned for two weeks' vacation. It is reported that the principal of the school proposes to take unto himself a help meet before he resumes work again. We extend him our congratulations.

Archie Arteburn and wife, living about three miles south of Anson, spent Christmas with Mrs. Arteburn's father at Milan.

ANONYMOUS.

1893.

Will soon be here and we have a few more stoves which we will sell at greatly reduced prices; for cost, if taken soon. Two-hole Monkey, \$3.50 to \$4.00. Cook stoves that can't be beaten for cooking and baking for \$12 to \$15. Now is the time to buy your stoves, as we want to close them out before we start up again.

W. D. MOORE & BRO.,

Proprietors Wellington Store Works.

County Clippings.

From the Milan Press.

A brass band, composed of five ladies and five gentlemen, has been organized at Mayfield.

W. B. Malaby has purchased from the Towhead Stock Farm at Carbondale, Kan., two fine thoroughbred Percheron stallions, one two and the other three years old.

C. J. Stillwell, wife and little son Fred returned home Sunday from Zanesville, Ohio, where they have been for a couple of weeks past attending at the bedside of their daughter, Mrs. W. T. Shaffer, who has been dangerously ill. They report their daughter better, with chances favorable for her ultimate recovery.

Henry Dicks, one of Sumner county's oldest and most highly respected citizens, died at his home in Creek township Sunday night, after a lingering illness of typhoid fever, aged fifty years and a few months. Mr. Dicks was an honored member of the A. O. U. W. lodge of this city and was loved and respected by all who knew him. The funeral took place Tuesday from Silverbrook school house Rev. Richards, of Argonia, conducting the service, and the remains were interred in the cemetery near this city. Deceased leaves a wife and a large family of children to mourn the loss of a kind husband and indulgent father. The bereaved ones have the sincere sympathy of the entire community in their sad affliction.

From the Conway Springs Star.

Mrs. J. M. Wilson and children left for Webb City, Mo., to spend the holidays with her mother. She will be gone about three weeks.

Mrs. M. A. O'Donnell, whose house burned several weeks ago, is still living in a tent on her farm west of town. The weather we are having is not just the kind people who live in tents would select.

Town property, in fact all property, is in great demand here now. Conway Springs is having no boom, but she is getting herself on a solid basis and quietly sliding in ahead of her neighboring towns.

Mrs. J. M. Ready, of Wellington, Miss Jennie Boyce, of Wichita, Mr. A. M. Jackson, of Howard, Kansas, H. A. Mallin, of Joplin, Mo., and Mrs. O. W. Sprouse, of Bronson, Kansas, were among those in attendance at the wedding of Dr. McIlhenny and Miss Edith Campbell last Tuesday.

From the Caldwell News.

Mr. Lewis informs us that taxes have been more generally paid this year than ever before. Most of the taxpayers paid the full amount too and it speaks well for this section.

John Hutson's house caught fire last Thursday and came very near being consumed. John and his hired hand worked like beavers to save the main building, which they accomplished. The loss was covered by insurance.

The aged father of L. J. and John Campbell got lost on Monday evening and a search party found him at the residence of L. G. Halley. He was almost benumbed when found, as the night was very cold.

Oxford Mocking Bird.

D. M. Hardmar sold two hogs the first of this week that weighed 1215 pounds, bringing him something over \$60. While not the largest we have heard of, they were considerably above the average.

Wm. Sherburn received word this week that his daughter, Mrs. Mack Morris, of Guthrie, was very sick and hardly expected to live. Mrs. Sherburn and daughter, Mrs. Augustine, of Wellington, started Tuesday evening for Guthrie.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Holmes, started for the west last Monday morning. They expect to spend some time this winter visiting in California. They will perhaps make their home in Tacoma, Washington, where they have a son living.

Caldwell Journal.

Sam Phillips, a former real estate dealer, was married not long since to Mrs. McDonough, wife of the late Capt. McDonough. The marriage took place in St. Louis and was an elaborate affair. Many of our people will remember the contracting parties.

L. B. Snider, the popular proprietor of the far famed Rock Island Restaurant and short order house at Wellington, was in the city Wednesday shaking hands with his many warm friends. L. B. is one of the boys and a better landlord than he does not live within the boundaries of the Sndowner state. Everybody knows him and everybody likes him. His friendly way and freeness of heart has made friends for him by the legion.

South Haven New Era.

Several months ago, as many of our citizens will remember, an agent was through here taking orders for the enlarging of pictures at the nominal price of 50 cents each, and that he took a good many orders, always taking the cash and the picture to be enlarged. It will be further remembered by all who patronized the agent that he was never heard from again. This week Mrs. S. E. Boucher brought over from Arkansas City, where they had been left with a photographer, most of the small pictures, which were delivered by her to their owners. She could learn nothing regarding the agent who perpetrated the fraud, and only by accident discovered the pictures. Two of the unclaimed pictures are now at the postoffice for identification.

Can You Explain This?

Since 1890 the European nations have drawn from the United States in excess of all imports of gold, silver and merchandise, the following: Gold in excess of imports, \$543,079,107; silver in excess of imports, \$435,984,118; merchandise in excess of imports, \$518,440,161; total, \$1,497,503,386. How have the Europeans paid for the billions of property they have acquired in this country since 1890? That they have it is plain. They own one-third or more of the United States. How have they done it? What besides gold, silver or merchandise could they have paid for it? Neither of these have they paid in plain. The national bankers know how it is done, but the poor, ragged, ignorant clumps who follow party leaders still vote for a continuance of the crimes. The ignorance of the masses is the opportunity of the rich.—Crisis.

The above clipping from the issue of Dec. 16 is a gem. The gold, silver and merchandise, in excess of imports, was collected from the citizens of the United States, through which they hold about one-third of our indebtedness through credits as capital in place of money. Money is true capital. Place credits in place of money, then comes usury called interest. The result of which is one-third of the indebtedness of the people of the United States, held by foreign capitalists, the other two-thirds by home capitalists. Interest due Europe \$770,000,000 per annum which accounts for the large shipments of gold, silver and merchandise over imports.

Pay them off in legal tender money as the debts were made by replacing money with credits, that an interest might be charged it is very plain, we must replace credits with money, that we may stop the usury. There is no other way to be free.

GALLEN P. ATHERTON.

Christianity and Our Modern Society as Looked at by One of Our Common People.

Ministers of the church, orators and statesmen often allude to our christian civilization, the great good it has done in lifting humanity from darkness to light, to all of which I say amen. But when they attempt to mix up the modern society with christianity as laid down by the Saviour of mankind, they insult his memory. Will any one with common sense believe that the aristocratic club of four hundred in our large cities has any sympathy with His doctrine and practice? Yet they denounce our political and social existence. But we may take it nearer at home, right in our own little town. Think of a gospel minister going out electioneering on the morning of election day, as was done here in Conway Springs and that for a party too, controlled by railroads and bankers. Where, oh where, will you find the tender spot for the lowly and poor in that reverend gentleman's heart?

I would like to see some of the reform papers touch up these gentlemen and let them know where their proper place is. If the cause of christianity suffers it must be charged to the hypocrisy practiced within its ranks. A. P.

Free Coinage.

EDITOR PEOPLE'S VOICE: The free coinage of silver is demanded at the south, the west and silver producing states because money is scarce. Eastern capitalists reap the harvest and take the increase, so I hold up both hands for the free coinage of silver, which, with national money issued direct to the people in quantities sufficient to transact all business would give us the best currency the world has ever known. As I see it the demonetization of silver was the most infernal plot ever enacted. India being the largest dependence of England and on a silver basis of fifteen to one, which this country largely supplies. Through demonetization, silver drops in price. India being our rival in wheat, English capitalists combined with ours with depreciated silver buy wheat in high standard India, divide the profits and fix the price of our wheat in Liverpool.

Free coinage would restore the value of both silver and wheat and every dollar issued, be it silver or a national legal tender money, would take the place of a credit dollar and would benefit labor of all kinds. The bugaboo of this country becoming the dumping place of the world's silver is too foolish to contemplate as long as silver is used as a basis in some of the best nations of the earth.

GALLEN P. ATHERTON.

Worcester, Mass.

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J. W. McLAUGHLIN,

Co. Supt.

District Court.

Sarah S. Walling vs. John F. Eckart et al; injunction against defendants cutting wheat on plaintiff's land. Finding for plaintiff; injunction made perpetual.

Hunsicker Bros. vs. Joseph Johnson; attachment; judgment for \$432.22.

McDonald vs. Joseph Johnson; attachment; judgment for \$195.83.

The Wichita & Southwestern Ry. Co., vs. Henry Bowers. This was a case wherein Henry Bowers sold the Santa Fe road a tract of land adjoining the old station in the north part of the city with a clause in the deed binding the company to maintain a station there. The company, after building the union station, still run one train a day around by the old station for some time, then about a year ago abandoned it entirely. Last year Mr. Bowers took possession of the land and put it in wheat. The company sued him for trespass and were beaten. The land now reverts to Mr. Bowers.

A. M. Harrison, who was recently arrested in Montana and brought back here on a charge of stealing the evidence in the Wellington liquor cases from the county attorney, had his preliminary hearing last Tuesday before Justice Gilmore and was acquitted. There was positive evidence to show that Harrison sold some papers of that character to the defendants of the liquor cases, but by the aid of good friends he was able to prove an alibi and was turned loose by the justice. There are many who think that County Attorney Pool made no mistake in locating the felony and that Justice Gilmore erred in turning him loose. Likewise, there are many of the opinion that some wholesome prosecution for perjury would do the community more good than anything else.

The Christian church of Wellington will hold its annual meeting on Thursday evening of next week. The membership will meet and spread their suppers in the church and have a social gathering. Reports from the various officers will be made. The annual meeting last year was prevented by a violent storm on the day on which it was to have been held.

RENEW.

We have been sending the VOICE to quite a number of parties whose time expired with the issue immediately succeeding the election and some whose time expires with this issue. We regret very much to erase any name from our list, but in the absence of further orders we have no other alternative. If your paper is marked with an X on the margin this week and you still want the VOICE continued to your address, drop us a card and we will be only too glad to preserve your name on the list. It is always best to have an understanding. In making your decision on the matter, remember that the VOICE comes at 50 cents less on the year than any other paper in the county.

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